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River Road sewage spill has been contained

Wastewater from the broken 24 inch main sewer line near the intersection of River Road and Bryan Road is being diverted back into the sewage system. No additional wastewater has flowed into the Cape Fear River since approximately 2 pm, when city crews diverted the flow back into the sewer system. It is estimated that the total spill did not exceed 15,000 gallons. Repair of the broken pipe will take place tonight when fewer people are using the system, resulting in decreased flows.

The spill was detected by City staff at approximately 7 am Sunday morning. The cause of the break is not yet known.

There is no threat to drinking water and waste water services have not been interrupted. However, as a precaution, the city recommends that citizens not come into contact with the water. The Division of Water Quality (DWQ) and the New Hanover County Health Department have been notified of this spill.

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